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DESTRUCTIVE DISEASES OF THE JOINTS,
ESPECIALLY FOR PROGNOSING THE PROGRESSION OF
THE DISEASE AND THE GENETIC PREDISPOSITION
FOR RHEUMATOID ARTHRITIS

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

BOX PATENT APPLICATION
Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, DC 20231

November 23, 2001

Sir:

The following Preliminary Amendments and Remarks are respectfully submitted in connection with the above-identified application.

AMENDMENTSIN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please amend the specification as follows:

Before line 1, insert -This application is the national phase under 35 U.S.C. § 371 of PCT International Application No. PCT/DE00/00881 which has an International filing date of March 24, 2000, which designated the United States of America.--